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Application of: Zerbe et al. Confirmation No.: 2374
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For: *Low Latency Multi-Level Communication Interface* Attorney Docket No.: 60809-0050-US
(formerly 9797-0050-999)

SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Substance of the Interview submission is in response to the Interview Summary mailed July 6, 2005 for the above identified patent application. This Substance of the Interview is being filed within one month of the mailing date of the Interview Summary.

A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Vo and Applicants' representatives, Gary Williams and Steven Stupp, on June 30, 2005. During the telephone interview, claims 126 and 142 were discussed with regard to U.S. Patent 6,396,329 to Hui. Examiner Vo explained that Hui teaches X and Y input symbols. Each input symbol is assigned to 1 of 4 voltage levels. Examiner Vo interprets each voltage level to be a mode of operation, and thus equivalent to the first and second modes as claimed. Applicants disagreed with the Examiner's explanation regarding Hui, and no agreement was reached.

Since the Substance of Interview is timely filed within one month of the July 6, 2005 mailing date of the Interview Summary, Applicants believe there is no fee due at this time. However, if there is a fee due, please charge the required fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (order no. 60809-0050-US). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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